



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Lee et al. )  
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Date Filed: July 18, 2003 )  
) Group Art Unit: 1746  
Serial No: 10/623,360 )  
) Examiner: Zeinab E. El-Arini  
Title: Method for Selectively Washing Used )  
Reaction Cuvettes in an Automatic )  
Analyzer )  
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Atty. Docket No.: DCS-9176 )

**PETITION FOR THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Attn: Mail Stop RCE  
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P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.136(a), applicant respectfully petitions for a Three month extension of time to file a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). The new time for filing such Request will be April 4, 2006, extended pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.136(a) and 1.17(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 04-0010 for One Thousand Twenty dollars and no/100 (\$1,020.00) for the extension of time fee. An original plus two copies of this letter are enclosed for accounting purposes. If any other charges are incurred or credited, please charge Deposit Account shown above.

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